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Jessica Holloway

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world” - Mahatma Gandhi. A popular quote to say, but not one as easy to embody. Richard Montgomery High School student Jessica Holloway personifies this notion in her daily life and in her long-term goals. I am excited to see how she will continue to elicit change in her college career and beyond. I enthusiastically recommend her for a Women of Tomorrow Award today.

Jessica was selected from more than 900 applicants throughout Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to participate in the Richard Montgomery High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, the most selective and rigorous academic program offered in MCPS. She has done extremely well in this rigorous program taking some of the most difficult courses our school has to offer across subject disciplines.

In college, Jessica is most interested in pursuing a pre-med track with the eventual goal of becoming a doctor. She has always had the desire to contribute to society in a meaningful way and has decided that she can reach this goal through medical practice and research. Through her academics and summer experiences, Jessica has already started developing knowledge and practice in the field. She spent the summers of 2017, 2018, and 2019 in the Prep Physician Scientist Training Program at the Jefferson College of Pharmacy and a chemical engineering lab in Seattle where she conducted research in multiple areas. The programs culminated in a presentation on her research to program staff and only reinforced her interest in the medical field.

Outside of her activities related to her academic and career pursuits, Jessica is involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and holds multiple leadership positions. As evident from her resume, Jessica is dedicated to and passionate about social justice. To name a few of these pursuits - she is the President of the Jack and Jill Montgomery County MD chapter, Vice President of the Montgomery County NAACP Youth Council, the founder and President of our schools Black Student Union chapter, our schools Black History Month organizer, and a member of our Minority Scholars program. Jessica is also a very involved member of our Student Government Association, plays on our Volleyball team, and is an active Debate Team member. Jessica will have left her mark on our school once she graduates. Her presence and service will be greatly missed, but her impact will live on.

Aside from her impressive academic and extracurricular accomplishments, Jessica is one of the most personable, well-rounded and engaged students I have had the pleasure of working with. She does not hesitate to get involved and is dependable and efficient in all of her pursuits. She has a way of putting others at ease and her passion for life is invigorating. Another quality that I admire in Jessica is her optimistic nature; she always makes it a priority to look for the best in the situations and people that she encounters.

Jessica Holloway has a very promising future ahead of her and I am eager to see how it unfolds. Jessica is an outstanding person who will contribute immensely to society. I give her my utmost recommendation for a Women of Tomorrow Award.

Sincerely,

Evan Anderson
School Counselor